

What is claimed is:

1. A cover joining structure in an outboard engine unit, said outboard engine unit including: an engine; a propeller drivable by the engine; a drive shaft for transmitting a driving force from the engine to the propeller; a casing assembly supporting thereon the engine and rotatably supporting and accommodating therein the drive shaft, said outboard engine unit being attached via the casing assembly to a body of a boat for tilting and steering movement; and a covering assembly defining at least part of an engine space for accommodating therein the engine, said covering assembly including separate left and right cover members,

said cover joining structure comprising:

fixedly joining sections provided on respective ones of opposed joining edges of said left and right cover members, the opposed joining edges of said left and right cover members being abutted against each other with said fixedly joining sections of said left and right cover members overlapped in face-to-face relation with each other in a front-and-rear direction of said outboard engine unit; and

fastener means for fastening together said fixedly joining sections, overlapped in face-to-face relation, in the front-and-rear direction, to thereby join together said left and right cover members.

2. A cover joining structure in an outboard engine unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein said left and right cover members are port-side and starboard-side undercover members of an undercover of said covering assembly detachably attached with respect to the body of the boat, and wherein the opposed joining edges of said port-side and starboard-side undercover members are abutted against each other, with said fixedly joining sections provided on respective

ones of opposed joining edges of said port-side and starboard-side undercover members overlapped in the front-and-rear direction of said outboard engine unit, and fastened together in the front-and-rear direction.

5 3. A cover joining structure in an outboard engine unit as claimed in claim 1 wherein said fixedly joining section provided on one of said left and right cover members has a surface slanted from its proximal end toward its distal end in one of forward and rearward directions while said fixedly joining section provided on other of said left and right cover members has a surface slanted
10 from its proximal end toward its distal end in other of the forward and rearward directions, and said fixedly joining sections of said left and right cover members are overlapped with each other in the front-and-rear direction along the slanted surfaces, and

 wherein said fixedly joining section provided on the one of said left and
15 right cover members has an elongated hole extending therethrough in the front-and-rear direction and elongated in a left-and-right direction of said outboard engine unit, said fastener means being loosely inserted through the elongated hole and then threadedly engaged at its distal end portion in a threaded hole formed in said fixedly joining section provided on the other of
20 said left and right cover members.

4. A cover joining structure in an outboard engine unit, said outboard engine unit including: an engine; a propeller drivable by the engine; a drive shaft for transmitting a driving force from the engine to the propeller; a casing assembly
25 supporting thereon the engine and rotatably supporting and accommodating therein the drive shaft, said outboard engine unit being attached via the casing assembly to a body of a boat for tilting and steering movement; and a covering assembly defining at least part of an engine space for accommodating therein

the engine, said covering assembly including an upper cover and an undercover including separate left and right undercover members,

said cover joining structure comprising:

frame members integrally secured to respective inner side surfaces of
5 resin-made outer wall sections of said left and right undercover members; and

fixedly joining sections, provided on respective ones of said frame members of said left and right undercover members, for joining together the outer wall sections of said left and right undercover members.

10 5. A cover joining structure in an outboard engine unit as claimed in claim 4 wherein each of said frame members is made of resin.

6. A cover joining structure in an outboard engine unit as claimed in claim 4 which further comprises a bolt inserted through said fixedly joining sections,
15 provided on said frame members of said left and right undercover members, in a front-and-rear direction of the outboard engine unit, to thereby join together said left and right undercover members.

7. A cover joining structure in an outboard engine unit as claimed in claim 4
20 which further comprises a bolt inserted through said fixedly joining sections, provided on said frame members of said left and right undercover members, in a vertical direction of said outboard engine unit, to thereby join together said left and right undercover members.

25 8. A cover joining structure in an outboard engine unit as claimed in claim 4 which further comprises a bolt inserted through said fixedly joining sections, provided on said frame members of said left and right undercover members, in a left-and-right direction of said outboard engine unit, to thereby join together

said left and right undercover members.

9. A cover joining structure in an outboard engine unit as claimed in claim 4 wherein each of said fixedly joining sections is provided on a portion of said
5 frame member which is located within the engine space as viewed from above and located above mutually-joined surfaces of said upper cover and said undercover as viewed sideways.